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FORMER NASA CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE SENTENCED

On April 4, 2000, Jeffrey A. Lindner, of Westlake, Ohio, a former computer programmer with ADF Corporation, a NASA contractor at Glenn Research Center, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH on one count of violating the regulations promulgated by the Administrator of NASA, a violation of Title 18 USC Section 799. Lindner was sentenced to one year of probation, a \$200 fine, and \$25 court costs.

On December 9, 1999, Lindner pled guilty to a one-count information charging him with violating the regulations promulgated by Administrator of NASA in U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio. In pleading guilty, Lindner admitted he downloaded unauthorized, copyright protected software from various Internet sites onto a Government computer during a time period from December 1997 to June 1998.

ADF Corporation is a Glenn support services contractor, providing computer services throughout the Glenn Research Center. From December 1997 to June 1998, Lindner was assigned to support the Engineering Design and Analysis Division at Glenn and it was during this time that he accessed the Internet using a Government computer and subsequently downloaded and installed unauthorized editions of copy-written software.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Criminal Investigations and Computer Crimes Division, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Kern, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, (216) 622-3836.

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